

Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

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Transportation Update

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CMA Adopts Draft Project List for State Funding

After accounting for advances and projects in previous programs, Alameda County has approximately \$29 million for new projects, new phases of existing projects and cost increases on existing projects. This small amount of funding contrasts to applications the CMA has received totaling over \$190 million. In addition to the difficult task of winnowing this list down, the CTC has given each county targets for spreading existing projects over the five years of the new STIP.

At its October 27th meeting, the CMA adopted a draft list of projects for the new funds and a tentative re-spreading of existing projects. The following projects were included in the list to receive new funding:

- BART Oakland Airport Connector
- AC Transit's Int'l/Telegraph Rapid Bus
- LAVTA's satellite bus operating facility
- Union City Intermodal Station
- Right of way for improvements at the I-880 42nd Ave/High St interchange
- Vasco Road Safety Improvements

In several cases, existing projects were shifted to later years. However, because much of the state funding is transit specific, some transit projects could be listed in earlier years. The complete details of this draft program are available at the CMA offices or on the CMA's website. A final program is scheduled for adoption at the November 17th meeting.

CMA to Implement Bus Stop Improvements on San Pablo Ave

AC Transit in cooperation with the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Oakland and Emeryville

is planning additional Rapid Bus improvements on San Pablo Avenue. These will include bus shelter improvements and appurtenances at twenty locations. At its October meeting, the CMA agreed to take on the responsibility of delivering these improvements on behalf of the parties. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid 2006.

CMA Issues Call for Projects for TLC and Local Roads

At its October meeting, the CMA approved the schedule for soliciting projects for the county level Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) program and the local streets and roads rehabilitation program. The three-year TLC program has approximately \$7 million available, with projects due to the CMA by November 18th. A notice of the call for TLC projects was issued on September 30th. The local road rehab program has about \$9.1 million; projects are due to the CMA by November 30th. Both programs use federal funds.

CMA Approves Funding for TravelChoice Program

At its October meeting, the CMA approved \$150,000 to match Air District funding of \$135,000 and non-profit funding for the TravelChoice Program. The Transportation & Land Use Coalition will lead the implementation. The program is a pilot and will offer personalized travel options to residents in the Oakland Fruitvale area and in the City of Alameda. This program has been implemented in other countries and other states. This will however be the first demonstration of the program in the Bay Area.

CMA to Conduct Central County Freeway Study

The Alameda County Transportation Authority is amending the 1986 sales tax expenditure plan to substitute several projects for the Route 238 Hayward Bypass. One of the replacement projects is a study that will develop a long-range plan of improvements for traffic relief in the 1-880, 1-580 and 1-238 corridors. ACTA has asked the CMA to lead this study. The study is expected to start in early 2006.

Status of Conformance with **Congestion Management Program**

Each year the CMA assesses the conformance of local jurisdictions with the adopted congestion management program. As of the end of October, all jurisdictions had met all requirements of the program. The CMA will take final action at its November 17th meeting.

Transportation for Clean Air Fund At Risk Report Available

The Quarterly At Risk report for projects programmed with TFCA funds is available at the CMA offices or on the CMA's web site. This report indicates which projects need attention in order to meet deadlines.

Deadlines to Note

2006 State Transportation Improvement

Program (STIP)

Final Program Adopted by CMA Nov 17th MTC Adopts Regional Program Jan 2006 March 2006 CTC Adopts 2006 STIP

Congestion Management Program – 2005 Update

Final Program Nov 17th

Transportation for Livable Communities

Program: County Share (\$7 million)

Project submittals due to CMA Nov 18th Draft Program Dec 2005 Final Program Jan 2006 Local Streets & Roads Rehab: Cycle 3 Federal STP (approx. \$9.1 million)

Project submittals due to CMA Nov 30th Draft Program Jan 2006 Final Program Feb 2006

Upcoming Meetings

November 1 CMA Technical Advisory Committee

2/3 CTC (Sacramento)

3 I-680 Smart Carpool Lane Policy Advisory Committee

4 Tri Valley Triangle Analysis Policy Advisory Committee

7 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee

7 CMA Plans & Programs Committee

17 CMA Board Meeting

December 1 I-680 Smart Carpool Lane Policy Advisory Committee

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6 CMA Technical Advisory Committee

12 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee

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14/15 CTC (San Francisco)

22 CMA Board Meeting

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